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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Philippe Gatepin  
SERIAL NO.: 09/836,096 EXAMINER: David J. Czekaj  
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FOR: BIT RATE ALLOCATION IN JOINT BIT RATE  
TRANSCODING

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated February 25, 2005, the Applicant  
hereby requests amendment of the above-identified application as follows: